PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Raymond C. Lyle
DOCKET NO.: 03-23765.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-28-100-034-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Raymond C. Lyle, the appellant, by attorney Joseph Kusper of the law firm of Storino, Ramello & Durkin, of Rosemont, and the Cook County Board of Review (board).

The subject property consists of a 25-year-old, two-story, single-family residence of masonry construction containing 1,696 square feet of living area. The subject improvement features two full baths, a basement, air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage. The appellant contends unequal treatment in the improvement assessment process as the basis of the appeal. The subject is located in Lake View Township.

The appellant submitted assessment data and descriptions on three properties located in the area of the subject property. The properties are three-story, single-family residences of frame and masonry construction that are each 15 years of age and are located within several blocks of the subject and contain the following amenities: two full baths; air conditioning; a fireplace; and each has a garage. These comparables range in size from 1,710 to 2,028 square feet and have improvement assessments ranging from \$14.09 to \$15.94 per square foot of living area.

The subject improvement is assessed at \$18.58 per square foot of living area. On the basis of this analysis, the appellant requested an assessment for the subject improvement of \$25,361 or \$14.95 per square foot living area.

The board of review failed to timely submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal." In addition, no assessment data or descriptions on any properties were presented.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds $\underline{a\ reduction}$ in the assessment of the property as established by the $\underline{\mathbf{Cook}}$ County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 12,213 IMPR.: \$ 25,361 TOTAL: \$ 37,574

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

The Board further finds that a reduction in the assessment of the subject property is warranted based on the evidence contained in the record. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d l (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. In this case, the appellant has met its burden.

In this appeal, there were a total of three comparable properties submitted by the appellant. These properties, as the only comparables submitted, are most similar to the subject property and have improvement assessments ranging from \$14.09 to \$15.94 per square foot of living area. The subject improvement is assessed at \$18.58 per square foot of living area and is above the range of the most similar properties.

Therefore, based on a review of the evidence in the record, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the appellant has supported the contention of unequal treatment in the assessment process and a reduction in the assessment of the subject property is warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

Chairman

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Member

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<u>C E R T I F I C A T I O N</u>

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: February 29, 2008

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the

subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.